

II. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~collapsible~~ container comprising:

a container base; and

four ~~collapsible~~ lateral walls; each said lateral wall of said four lateral walls being
~~(2,3) that are~~ hinged to the said container base and ~~can preferably be collapsed~~ collapsible
inwards onto the said container base; ~~of which walls~~

two first opposing ~~first~~ lateral walls of said four lateral walls, each first lateral
wall of said two first opposing lateral walls having

a recess located therein, said recess positioned adjacent an edge of each
wall of said two first opposing lateral walls; and (2)

a bushing type opening mounted in said first lateral wall, said bushing type
opening positioned within the confines of said recess;

a resilient pivoting lock member mounted within said recess of said first lateral
wall, said resilient pivoting lock member having

a pivot pin mounted in said bushing-type opening for mounting said
resilient pivoting lock member in said recess of each wall of said two first opposing lateral walls
for pivotable movement relative to said first lateral wall; and

a projecting tongue latching member; and

two second opposing lateral walls of said four lateral walls, each second lateral wall of said two second opposing lateral walls having a locating lug spaced a predetermined distance from an edge of said second opposing lateral wall, said locating lug having opposing ramped surfaces thereon;

such that ~~are releasably lockable with the~~ each said wall of said two ~~other~~ first opposing lateral walls ~~are releasably lockable with a respective wall of said two second opposing lateral walls (3) in the corner areas of the said collapsible container, each of the~~ whereby as each wall of said two first opposing lateral walls (2) are moved from a collapsed position adjacent said container base to an upright position, said projecting tongue latching member of said resilient pivoting lock member cooperates with one of said ramped surfaces of said locating lug mounted on each respective wall of said two second opposing lateral walls, to pivot said resilient pivoting lock member in one direction and further cooperate with a second ramp surface of said locating lug to pivot said resilient pivoting lock member in an opposite direction and snap lock into place, in an upright position, ~~having a snap lock at the edge thereof, said snap locks being engageable behind corresponding~~ behind said locating lugs ~~lug~~ at the edges of each of the said two second lateral walls (3) for purposes of locking the said four assembled lateral walls (2,3), characterised in that the snap locks are configured as pivoting locks (1).

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1 characterised in that the pivoting lock (1) wherein said resilient pivoting lock member of

each said first lateral wall is attached to ~~the~~ a respective one of each said second lateral wall (2) via a said pivot pin/bushing connection (~~5,7~~).

4. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that wherein in order to accommodate said resilient pivoting lock member, ~~said the pivoting lock (1)~~, a bushing-type opening (~~7~~) is provided in ~~the~~ each said first lateral wall (2), ~~into which opening the~~ said resilient pivoting lock member (1) configured with a said pivot pin member for inserting into said bushing-type opening; and wherein said (5) ~~can be inserted, the~~ pivot pin further comprises a plurality of ~~being provided with~~ flare-shaped latches (~~6~~) preferably mounted at its ~~anterior one~~ end; and ~~preferably having~~ a pair of radial slits (~~8~~) ~~so that~~ whereby the diameter of the said pivot pin (5) can be reduced elastically to allow insertion of the pivot pin into ~~the~~ said bushing member (7) and ~~the~~ said plurality of latches (~~6~~) on the said pivot pin (5) grip ~~the~~ each of said first lateral wall (2) from behind when ~~the~~ said pivot pin is seated, thus locking ~~the~~ said pivot pin (5) in position.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container as claimed in ~~according to claim 1~~ claim 1, characterised in that the wherein said resilient pivoting lock member (1) is configured as a circular-sector-shaped ~~component~~ member around ~~the~~ said centrally mounted pivot pin (~~5~~).

7. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said resilient pivoting lock member (1) is mounted in a

~~complementary~~ said recess (4) in ~~the~~ each of said first lateral wall (2) in such manner as to be substantially flush therewith.

8. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein in the locked position, ~~the~~ said resilient pivoting lock member (4) is pretensioned.

9. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said resilient ~~the~~ pivoting lock member further comprises ~~has~~ a pretensioning spring; (15) and each said first lateral wall further comprises ~~which interacts with~~ a stop configured in ~~the~~ each said first lateral wall, ~~or vice-versa~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said pretensioning spring is mounted in spaced relation ~~such manner relative to the~~ said stop such that when ~~the~~ said resilient pivoting lock member is in the disengaged position, that is, with an opening movement of ~~the~~ said resilient pivoting lock member, ~~the~~ said resilient pivoting lock member is pretensioned in the direction of the locking or ~~engaged~~ engaging position.

11. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that the pivoting lock has a~~ wherein said projecting tongue locking ~~tongue~~ member (11), ~~which,~~ in the engaged position, engages behind a said locating lug (12) ~~on the adjacent~~ on said second lateral wall (2) ~~adjoining the corner~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 9 [[4]], ~~characterised in that the locking~~ said projecting tongue locking member

further comprises opposing ramped surfaces on a forward edge thereof, (11) and the wherein said ramped surfaces on said locating lug (12) have complementary ascent ramps (13,14) in the form of inclined surfaces, of such kind that when a said first lateral wall (2) is folded upwards, its said resilient pivoting lock member (1) is rotated by the said projecting tongue locking member tongues (11) as they ascend said complementary ramps of said the locating lug (12), and the said pretensioning spring (15) is tensioned against the said stop (16) while building up restoring forces, and the locking whereby said projecting tongues locking member (11) engage behind the said locating lugs (12) when the said first lateral wall (2) is in an upright position.

13. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 9, characterised in that the wherein said pretensioning spring (15) is shaped as an in the form of an arcuate flexible tongue.

14. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the wherein said resilient pivoting lock member further comprises an (1) has a sunk actuating grip member (10).

15. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that the pivoting lock (1) has further comprising a catch member mounted on said resilient pivoting lock member; and (19) which engaged an arcuate guide element (18) in the form of an oblong hole located in said recess of said first lateral wall, said arcuate guide element limiting the rotary movement of the said resilient pivoting lock member (1) in both directions of rotation.

16. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 15, & characterised in that the ~~wherein said resilient pivoting lock member further comprises (1) is coupled with a safety catch mounted in an upper edge of said first lateral wall such that which,~~ when ~~the~~ said resilient pivoting lock member (1) performs an opening movement, ~~exits via the~~ said safety catch moves in an upward direction from said upper anterior edge of the said first lateral wall in such manner that if a container is stacked on top of the container in question, the exiting movement of the said safety catch and hence the opening movement of the said resilient pivoting lock member are blocked by this said top container.

17. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 16, characterised in that the ~~wherein said safety catch comprises is formed by a pin or bolt member mounted on the~~ integral with said upper anterior edge of said first lateral wall and extending into said recess in a direction towards said resilient pivoting lock member the pivoting lock, for example being configured integrally therewith, or being engaged in a recess or adhesively bonded.

18. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1, 12 characterised in that behind the ~~further comprising at least one detent member mounted along an edge of said second opposing lateral wall in spaced relation to said locating lug (12) of the adjacent~~ said second opposing lateral wall said at least one detent walls (3) adjoining the corners of the upright said first lateral wall and said second opposing lateral wall when said first and second lateral walls are in an upright position, and spaced from said locating lug, at least one detent member is provided for said upright first lateral wall.

19. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 18, characterised in that a wherein said at least one detent further comprises a detent member (21) is provided at the level of the mounted adjacent said locating lug (12).

20. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 18, characterised in that wherein said at least one detent comprises additional detent members (22, 23) are provided located at the upper and lower edges of the adjacent said first lateral wall (3) adjoining the corner said additional detent members cooperating with said second lateral wall to connect thereto.

21. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 20, characterised in that the wherein said additional detent members (22, 23) are configured with grooves (24, 25) in which, in the upright position, and said second opposing lateral wall further comprises complementary flexible elements (26, 27) located at the upper and lower edges of the first said second lateral wall (2) to engage said configured grooves of said additional detent members to form a tongue-and-groove connection when said four lateral walls are in an upright direction.

22. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~according to~~ as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the wherein said resilient pivoting locks members (4) are each mounted in the an upper corner area of the respective first collapsible lateral wall of said collapsible container.

23. (Currently Amended) The collapsible container ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 19, characterized in that wherein the distance between the said at least one detent member

~~(21)~~ and ~~the~~ said locating lug is essentially corresponding to the width of ~~the~~ said projecting
tongue locking member ~~tongue~~ ~~(11)~~ for wobble-free arrangement.